

HOUSE BILL 1312

By West

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 6, Part 50, relative to health screenings of  
children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-5004, is amended by adding the following new subsections thereto and by redesignating the existing subsection (c) accordingly:

(c) Vision screening, for purposes of this section, is a screening test recommended by a nationally recognized professional medical organization, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Ophthalmology or American Optometric Association.

(d) If the parent or guardian of a child with a need for vision screening is unable to afford such vision screening, a LEA of a county or municipality may use revenues from gifts, grants and state and local appropriations to provide such vision screenings.

(e) LEA's are encouraged to seek free or reduced-cost vision screenings from providers willing to donate their services for children who are unable to afford such vision screenings.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.